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THE DUTIES OF A BUDGET COMMITTEE

It is the duty of a town budget committee to investigate the entire field of town expenditures and needs, to estimate the sums required for different purposes, and thus to arrive at the total amount which will be required for town expenses for the coming year. The tax rate necessary to raise this sum is then calculated on the basis of the known valuation of the town. All this is reported to the voters at the annual town meeting, with appropriate recommendations by the committee. An important part of the committee's duties, in addition to its purely financial functions, is to investigate the needs of the town in regard to improvements of any kind, determine just what is necessary to be done, and recommend the same at the town meeting. Citizens desiring such improvements should see the committee before the warrant is written, and discuss the matter with them.

If any unusual expenditures are advocated on the one hand, or any retrenchments on the other, the budget committee is prepared to state the amount involved and the effect on the tax rate. If it is considered necessary to limit the tax rate to a fixed figure, the sum thus rendered available is computed from the known valuation of the town, and apportioned for the different purposes required according to the best judgment of the committee. If a special town meeting is called for any purpose, this committee is ready to supply information on the financial aspects involved. The functions of the committee are, of course, purely advisory, the final decision on any question resting with the voters themselves. The purpose of the plan is simply to place the conduct of town affairs on a rational business basis, like that on which any properly conducted private business is run, and the budget system seems to be the best means yet devised for accomplishing this end. It enables the voters to know what they are doing when they are doing it, and the spectacle sometimes presented in the past of the participants in a town meeting appropriating money for various purposes in a haphazard manner, and then being disagreeably surprised a few weeks later when the tax rate is announced, cannot then occur.

Warrant

To *Elmer Webster*, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the County of Waldo, *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town Monday, the 5th day of March, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen and assessors as printed.

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the auditor of town accounts as printed, and vote to adopt the Budget System.

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the report of the superintendent of schools as printed.

Art. 6. To choose three or more selectmen.

Art. 7. To choose assessors of taxes.

Art. 8. To choose overseers of the poor.

Art. 9. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 10. To choose an auditor of town accounts, and Budget Committee.

Art. 11. To choose constables.

Art. 12. To choose surveyors of sawed lumber.

Art. 13. To choose surveyors of wood and bark.

Art. 14. To choose surveyors of spars and timber.

Art. 15. To choose a fire ward.

Art. 16. To choose fence viewers.

Art. 17. To choose sealers of leather.

Art. 18. To choose viewers and cullers of hoops and staves.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Free High School.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the common schools.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise for the superintendent of schools.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for school supplies and incidentals.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks for schools.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.

Art. 25. To choose a member of the school committee to serve three years.

Art. 26. To see if the town will raise $350. for the support of Carver Memorial Library.

Art. 27. To see how much money the town will raise for General Government.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highway and bridges, and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 30. To see if the town will raise $500. for Patrol Maintenance.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.

Art. 32. To see how much money the town will raise to build cement sidewalks.

Art. 33. To see how much money the town will raise for winter breaking, and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State-aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, on roads.

Art. 35. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of $600. for the improvement of the section of State-aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, or how much.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to raise $125. for a two horse road machine.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise $50. for a Memorial Service.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise $1,320. for the use of hydrants.

Art. 39. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sewers.

Art. 40. To see how much money the town will raise to wainscot Union Hall and to see how high it should be built.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to maintain the present hose companies, and if so how much per hour, or year, or both, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 42. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an electric street light near the residence of E. A. Sargent on Prospect Street.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to raise $50. to build a sidewalk at No. Searsport, from the Garage Hall to the Church.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to insure all public buildings and to see how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 45. To see if the town will take of the Penob. Bay Elec. Co., the incandescent electric street lights located, at a cost not to exceed fifteen dollars per light per year, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 46. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans for current expenses.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell the old hand tub of the fire department, and place said money for a fund to apply on a ladder truck.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to have the following:

Every Hawker, Pedler or Itinerant Vendor who shall sell or offer for sale, goods, wares or merchandise, excepting the goods, wares or merchandise sold by sample for future delivery or the sale of meats, fish, bakery or farm products, shall, before he can offer same for sale, procure a license from the town clerk and pay a fee of $25. to the town.

Art. 49. To see if the citizens will contribute a day's work or the equivalent in cash for the benefit of roads or sidewalks.

Art. 50. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 51. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as made out by the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Art. 52. To see if the town will allow discount on taxes and how much it will raise therefor, or charge interest and how much.

Art. 53. To see if the town will fix the time when all taxes are due and must be paid.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote that no sink drain nor plumbing of any kind shall enter a town drain direct, but any overflow of a cesspool can enter a town drain, which is already built, by paying a fee of $10. to the town and getting a permit from the Selectmen.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to rescind part of the vote whereby it voted to buy an electric Fire Whistle and vote to place the amount raised of $75. to the credit of a fund to buy a ladder truck.

Art. 56. To choose a collector of taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday, the 3rd day of March, 1917, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand, at Searsport, A. D. 1917.

JAMES P. NICHOLS,
CLIFTON WHITTUM,
HARRY E. BANGS,
} Selectmen of Searsport, Me.

Report of Assessors

Valuation, real estate resident owners . . .	$382,310 00	
Valuation, personal property, resident owners	248,034 00	
Total valuation of resident owners . .		$630,344 00
Valuation real estate non-resident owners	$228,505 00	
Valuation personal estate, non-resident owners	42,584 00	
Total valuation, non-resident owners		271,089 00
Total valuation of town, April 1st 1916		$901,433 00
Total valuation of town, April 1st 1915		903,533 00
Decrease in valuation since April 1st 1915		$2,100 00

Number of polls assessed, 316
Tax on each poll, $3.00
Rate of taxation, $20.80 per $1,000.00

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED

Free High School	$ 850 00
Common schools	1,800 00
Superintendent of Schools	200 00
School supplies	100 00
Text-books for schools	300 00
Repairs on school houses	450 00
Carver Memorial Library	350 00

Support of poor and other town expenses	2,300 00	
Highway and bridges	2,500 00	
Repairs on sidewalks	600 00	
Winter breaking	150 00	
Memorial service	50 00	
State-aid road	600 00	
Maintenance road	150 00	
Hydrants	1,280 00	
Fire department	500 00	
Electric street lights	700 00	
Universal coupling	15 00	
Fire whistle	75 00	
Porter bridge	10 00	
Total amt. of appropriation for town use		$12,980 00

Amount assessed to pay State tax	$4,295 75	
Amount assessed to pay County tax	1,519 46	
Amount assessed to pay overlay	902 59	
Amount assessed as supplementary tax	110 68	
Amount assessed as moth tax	2 90	
Interest	22 60	
Fractions in assessings	05	
Total tax assessed		$19,834 03

ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS

Real estate valued at $610,815.00	$12,704 95	
Personal estate valued at $290,618.00	6,044 85	
Polls	948 00	
Supplementary tax	110 68	
Moth tax	2 90	
Interest	22 60	
Fractions	05	
Total tax assessed		$19,834 03

ABATEMENTS

W. D. Smart, tax collector	$129 13

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. NICHOLS,
CLIFTON WHITTUM,
HARRY E. BANGS,
} Assessors of Searsport.

Report of Selectmen

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Balance in hands of Treas.	$ 5 27	
Due from W. D. Smart, tax collector, taxes of 1914	21 85	
Due from W. D. Smart, tax collector, taxes of 1915	94 33	
Due from W. D. Smart, tax collector, taxes of 1916	440 76	
Tax deeds valued at	160 00	
Iron culvert, not used	33 59	
Total assets, not including buildings and tools		$755 80

LIABILITIES

Loan from Searsport National Bank	597 77
Balance in favor of the town	$158 03

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Received from tax collector		$19,756.77
Licenses and permits		68.98
Grants and gifts:		
State for common schools	$2,430 87	
State for high school	500 00	
State for public library	30 00	
		2,960 87

Special assessment:		
State for R. R. & Tel. tax		144 93
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS		
State-aid road	$561 22	
Sundry receipts	59 22	
		620 44
CHARITY AND CORRECTIONS		
State for State pauper		21 35
EDUCATION		
Sundry receipts		35 16
INTEREST		
Interest		38 19
UNCLASSIFIED		
Harbor C. E. Soc.		3 00
Total general and department income collected		$23,798 94
Less		
Expended for State tax	$4,295 75	
Expended for County tax	1,519 46	
Paid note of last year	365 55	
		6,180 76
Net income available for municipal use		$17,618 18
Deficit—Operating expenditures exceed income received		592 50
		$18,210 68

Expenditures

General government and poor department	$3,240 76	
Education	6,803 79	
Highway, bridges and sidewalks	5,321 86	
Fire department	272 73	
Union Hall	161 62	
Street lights	688 25	
Memorial Service	50 00	
Library	380 00	
Water rents	1,291 67	
Total expenditures for municipal purposes of operations		$18,210 68
Bills of 1915 paid in the above		371 41
Amount expended for municipal purposes for 1916		$17,839 27

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POOR DEPARTMENT

Selectmen, salary	$ 470 00
Auditor, salary	10 00
Treasurer, salary	100 00
Tax collector, commission	403 00
Clerk, salary	15 00
Abatements	129 13
Town buildings	26 89
Police department	76 44
Care of lockup	31 95
Moth extermination	24 00
Physician	40 00
Board of health	21 22
Vital Statistics	12 65
Unclassified	424 40

POOR DEPARTMENT

Poor in town	$1,184 27	
Poor out of town	271 81	
Total for general government and poor dept.		$3,240 76

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Supt. of schools	$ 200 00	
Common schools	4,372 52	
High school	1,368 49	
Text-books	287 02	
School supplies and incidentals	112 48	
Repairs on school houses	452 68	
Truant officer	10 60	
Total for education		$6,803 79

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General roads	$1,634 96	
Prospect street	451 13	
State-aid	1,294 10	
Maintenance patrol	578 35	
Snow	596 88	
General sidewalks	268 37	
Cement sidewalks	352 96	
Road incidentals	145 11	
Total for highway, bridges and sidewalks		$5,321 86

Fire department	$ 272 73	
Water	1,291 67	
Street lights	688 25	
Union Hall	161 62	
Memorial Service	50 00	
Library	380 00	
Total orders drawn during the municipal year of 1916		$18,210 68

TABULATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Appropriated	Received	Amount Expended	Overdrawn	Unexpended
Gen'l government and poor dept. . .	$2,300 00	$1,336 00	$3,240 76		$395 24
Common schools	1,800 00	2,607 00	4,372 52		34 49
High school.	850 00	519 53	1,368 49		1 04
Books and supplies, schools.	400 00		399 50		50
Repairs, school houses.	450 00		452 68	2 68	
Supt. salary.	200 00		200 00		
Truant officer.	none		10 60	10 60	
Highway and bridges	2,660 00	44 62	2,809 55	104 93	
Sidewalks.	600 00	14 60	621 38	6 73	
Snow.	150 00		596 88	446 88	
State-aid road.	600 00	561 22	1,294 10	132 88	
Memorial service	50 00		50 00		
Water rents.	1,280 00		1,291 67	11 67	
Fire department.	515 00		272 73		242 27
Union Hall.	none	149 25	161 62	12 37	
Street lights.	700 00		688 25		11 75
Library.	350 00	30 00	380 00		
Fire whistle	75 00		none		
Totals.	$12,980 00	$5,262 23	$18,210 68	$728 74	$760 29

Unexpended balance from appropriations and receipts for the municipal year 1916 . . . . . $31 55

PROOF OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation for town use	$12,980 00	
Less uncollected taxes for 1916	440 76	
Amount of 1916 taxes col. for town use		$12,539 24
Received from sundry accounts	$5,262 23	
Less school bal. from last year	181 29	
Net amount received from sundry accts.		5,080 94
Taxes of 1914 and 1915 collected in 1916		363 50
Fractions in assessing		05
Total amount received for town use		$17,983 73
Amount of last year's note paid		365 55
Net amount for town use for 1916		$17,618 18
Amount expended for town use		18,210 68
DEFICIT—as per Treasurer's report		$592 50

EXPENDED FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POOR DEPARTMENT

TOWN OFFICERS

James P. Nichols, selectman, assessor, bookkeeper	$200 00	
Clifton Whittum, selectman, assessor	105 00	
Harry E. Bangs, selectman, assessor	165 00	
W. D. Smart, tax collector	403 00	
Dr. S. C. Pattee, town physician for 1915-1916	40 00	
W. M. Parse, town clerk	15 00	
C. O. Sawyer, town treasurer	100 00	
James P. Nichols, auditor for 1915	10 00	
		$1,038 00

POOR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. J. E. Marden, care of Nellie Putnam.	$260 00	
Mrs. J. E. Marden, care of Charles Seavey	208 00	
Mrs. L. F. Andrews, care of Betsey Closson	196 00	
L. M. Kneeland, care of Fred Carr.....	150 00	
E. K. Blake, wood for Blake family	7 00	
George Partridge, wood for Blake family ..	4 50	
F. E. Whitcomb & Son, supplies for Blake family.....	56 47	
W. M. Parse, supplies for Blake family....	19 05	
Arthur E. Colson, supplies for Blake family	48 59	
Clement & Adams, supplies for Blake family	15 77	
Searsport Drug Co., supplies for Blake family.....	1 40	
Searsport Grain & Groc. Co., supplies for Blake family.....	42 25	
Charles Hamilton, labor on Blake house....	23 00	
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber for Blake house	17 96	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for Blake house	8 84	
E. A. Sargent, carting for supplies to Blake house.....	50	
James P. Nichols, cash for insane man to Bangor.....	1 30	
Shephard Shute, team for tramp.....	1 00	
James P. Nichols, expenses to Rockland...	3 50	
H. E. Bangs, auto to Rockland	8 00	
A. E. Trundy & Son, wood for Blake family	11 25	
City of Auburn, supplies for Percy Brock..	42 62	
Dr. S. C. Pattee, medicine for poor.....	3 64	
Searsport Grain & Groc. Co., supplies for tramps.....	14 59	
Amount expended for 1916		$1,145 23
G. W. Partridge, wood for Blake family, 1915	$ 5 25	
Dr. S. C. Pattee, medicine for poor, 1915...	2 60	
F. E. Whitcomb & Son, supplies for tramps, 1915.....	2 09	

Searsport Drug Co., supplies for fumigating, 1915	34 52	
City of Rockland, Blood and Ausplund families, 1915	215 39	
Clement & Adams, supplies for Blake family	6 33	
A. E. Colson, supplies for Blake family, 1915	44 67	
Amount of 1915 bills paid	$ 310 85	
Amount expended for 1916	1,145 23	
		$1,456 08

ABATEMENTS

William D. Smart, collector	$129 13

INTEREST

Searsport National Bank	$50 62

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. S. C. Pattee, services and supplies, 1915	$21 22

VITAL STATISTICS

W. M. Parse, recording same	$12 65

MOTH EXTERMINATION

W. P. Sargent, labor	$24 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE

Fred A. Small, dog constable	$18 90	
Elmer Webster, taking care of tramps	24 00	
Fred A. Small, police July 3 and 4 tramps	8 54	
Robert M. Thompson, police July 3 and 4	6 00	
A. R. Cunningham, police July 3	3 00	
Elmer Webster, police July 3 and 4	6 00	
Searsport Base Ball Club, police July 3 and 4	10 00	
		$76 44

INCIDENTALS

The T. W. Burr Printing Co., town reports.	$	66 95
Loring, Short & Harmon, assessors' books. .		9 55
Pheumatic Hand Stamp Co., hand stamps.		78
M. A. Cook, files for office.		1 00
R. L. Arey, table for office		13 78
Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, printing for office		2 00
W. D. Smart, expenses.		1 50
James P. Nichols, cash paid for stamped envelopes, postal cards, etc.		8 00
Newell White, printing for office.		15 25
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.		3 34
Fred B. Smith, rent of office.		60 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, treasurer's book.		8 00
Newell White, order book.		5 25
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for office.		1 06
A. J. Card, cleaning up July 5		80
Mial Sargent, ballot clerk.		8 00
Fred M. Perkins, ballot clerk.		8 00
Maurice Dolliver, election clerk.		6 00
John Sullivan, election clerk and moderator		12 00
George A. Bowen, election clerk.		2 00
Charles Averill, hauling for July 5.		2 80
W. N. West, helping Charles Averill July 5.		55
Fred A. Small, watering trough.		5 00
Mary E. Nickerson, "		5 00
J. S. Nickerson, "		5 00
C. H. Lindsley, "		5 00
James E. Marden, "		5 00
Herbert Black, "		5 00
James P. Nichols, expenses to Castine		5 00
A. E. Trundy & Son, sundries.		2 00
A. L. Mosman, tools for town.		9 47
J. M. C. Gardner, tools for town.		4 55
Charles Averill, emptying cans.		25
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber for lockup. . .		5 05
George S. Sargent, labor on lockup.		7 75

A. L. Mosman, labor on lockup	17 90	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., lock for lockup	25	
James P. Nichols, files and sundries for office	1 50	
Elmer Webster, cleaning office	1 00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., incidentals	13 11	
A. E. Trundy & Son, one-half school house fence	19 25	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for school house fence	3 00	
W. R. Gilkey & Son, team for town use	14 85	
Elmer Webster, posting warrants	1 00	
Fred B. Smith, supplies for office	5 90	
Alfred Stinson, repairs on No. Searsport hearse house	26 89	
Frank Park, fixing lock in office	50	
Mark C. Ward, wood for office	4 00	
C. E. Cunningham, cleaning town house grounds	1 30	
Searsport National Bank, box rent	5 00	
W. M. Parse, election expenses	2 00	
James P. Nichols, stamps, express on reports and other expenses	9 50	
Amount expended for 1916		427 63
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for office, 1915	$ 2 49	
George E. Marks, digging drain, 1915	2 50	
Amount of 1915 bills paid	$ 4 99	
Amount expended for 1916	427 63	
		432 62
Total expended gen'l gov. and poor dept.		$3,240 76
Appropriation	$2,300 00	
Sundry receipts	1,336 00	
		3,636 00
Amount unexpended		$395 24

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Thelma Dunifer,	teaching	$198 00	
Mrs. J. A. Linehan,	"	50 00	
Alice Havener,	"	432 00	
Florence Keene,	"	378 00	
Annie Nickerson,	"	34 00	
Nellie Marden,	"	324 00	
Emma Nickels,	"	180 00	
Lillias Buck,	"	324 00	
Winnefred Doyle,	"	110 00	
Ethel Lloyd,	"	378 00	
Leon Blake,	"	171 00	
Agnes Gilkey,	"	22 00	
Marion Walker,	"	288 00	
Teachers' salaries			$2,889 00

I. H. Havener,	janitor	$165 00	
Perley Andrews,	"	17 00	
Joshua Curtis,	"	18 00	
Earle Webster,	"	7 00	
Reginald Morse,	"	8 00	
George Gifford,	"	11 00	
Abbie Smith,	"	2 00	
Earle Smart,	"	3 50	
F. O. Marden,	"	2 00	
Wallace Kimball,	"	10 30	
Mabel Gross,	"	3 00	
Amy Littlefield,	"	3 00	
Cecil Worcester,	"	8 00	
Harry Maddocks,	"	7 00	
Adelbert Nickerson,	"	3 00	
Leon Blake,	"	9 00	
Janitors' services			276 80

W. R. Gilkey & Son,	transporting	$406 00	
J. W. Brock,	"	160 80	
R. W. Pattershall,	"	10 50	
Charles Hall,	"	13 00	
Clifford Seekins,	"	95 00	
Raymond Ward,	"	54 00	
Welden Nickerson,	"	22 00	
Transportation			761 30
I. H. Havener,	fuel	$ 3 30	
J. W. Smart,	"	21 93	
A. E. Trundy & Son,	"	14 25	
C. A. Nickerson,	"	75	
Charles O. Seekins,	"	40 00	
Archie Merrithew,	"	7 00	
C. M. Trundy,	"	10 38	
Searsport Coal Co.,	"	132 44	
W. D. Smart,	"	54 50	
H. H. Felker,	"	6 12	
Lester Eaton,	"	30 50	
L. D. Littlefield,	"	41 25	
Fuel			362 42
City of Belfast, tuition		$ 43 00	
J. A. Linehan, janitor noon hour		22 00	
D. C. Hight, janitor noon hour		18 00	
Sundries			83 00
Total common schools			$4,372 52
Appropriation		$1,800 00	
State mill tax		1,129 94	
State common schools		1,300 93	
Unexpended balance of 1916		171 64	
Tuition		4 50	
			4,407 01
Balance unexpended			$34 49

HIGH SCHOOL

J. A. Linehan, principal teaching	$450 00	
D. C. Hight, principal teaching	429 99	
Lillian Runnells, assistant teaching	450 00	
Teachers' salaries		$1,329 99
I. H. Havener, janitor		38 50
Total, high school		$1,368 49
Appropriation	$850 00	
State	500 00	
Sale of bookkeeping forms	9 88	
Unexpended balance of 1916	9 65	
		1,369 53
Balance unexpended		$1 04

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

E. E. Babb & Co.	$168 08	
Ginn & Co.	13 53	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	32 63	
American Book Co.	25 19	
D. C. Heath & Co.	7 13	
MacMillan Co.	88	
Little, Brown & Co.	4 80	
Allyn & Bacon	17 12	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	1 54	
City of Belfast	12 65	
W. B. Woodbury	3 47	
Text-books		$287 02
E. E. Babb & Co.	$39 89	
Milton, Bradley & Co.	25 79	
W. B. Woodbury	4 00	
Howard & Brown	89	

Percy Sanborn	30	
D. C. Hight	2 42	
A. A. Howes & Co.	2 00	
Hall, Ellis Hardware Co.	1 00	
James Nickels	1 05	
H. L. Palmer	6 25	
J. W. Smart	2 00	
E. A. Sargent	1 75	
Supplies		112 48
Amount expended		$399 50
Appropriation		400 00
Balance unexpended		$ 50

REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

C. O. Sawyer & Co., merchandise	$70 13
A. L. Mosman, labor	26 40
Raymond Howard, "	1 00
M. C. Ward, "	1 12
J. H. Littlefield, merchandise	21 88
Leon E. Blake, labor	2 00
W. D. Smart, labor	45 75
S. L. Ridley, painting	70 18
James E. Wentworth, labor	1 50
A. E. Trundy & Son, merchandise	77 80
D. E. Nickerson, labor	7 50
G. A. Seekins, "	3 00
E. G. Smart, "	7 50
Owen Marden, "	1 28
W. S. Carter, "	5 75
Delia A. Lowe, "	2 50
H. S. Harriman, "	7 15
E. E. Clement, "	6 25
Clement & Adams, merchandise	5 50

Chas. U. Curtis, labor	14 75	
H. N. Colcord, "	8 34	
Geo. S. Sargent, "	6 25	
Laura Nickerson, "	22 24	
B. A. Chase, "	5 00	
F. E. Stinson, merchandise	4 06	
A. E. Trundy & Son, one-half school house fence	19 25	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., one-half school house fence	3 00	
I. H. Havener, labor	3 00	
J. W. Smart, labor	1 60	
Hall, Ellis Hardware Co., merchandise	1 00	
Amount expended		$452 68
Appropriation		450 00
Amount overdrawn		$2 68

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Paid William B. Woodbury	$200 00
Appropriation	200 00

TRUANT OFFICER

Paid J. L. Cunningham	$10 60	
Appropriation	none	
Amount overdrawn		$10 60
Total cost of schools for 1916		$6,803 79

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., lights	$ 9 60	
Carleton Coupling Co., coupling	15 00	
J. L. Cunningham, hauling cart from fire	50	
A. J. Card, labor on hose cart	40	
R. M. Monroe, watching Goodell fire	2 00	
Delbert Nickerson, watching Goodell fire	2 00	
Chas. Averill, hauling cart from fire	50	
H. F. Partridge, janitor	23 56	
Elmer Webster, labor on fire whistle	1 00	
Penobscot Coal & Wharf Co., installing fire whistle	13 65	
W. R. Gilkey & Son, expense on fire whistle	75	
Warren Jackson, watching fires	2 80	
Alden Stinson, watching Sweetser fire	2 00	
Searsport Coal Co., coal	10 20	
Hose Companies	161 80	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies	42	
Ernest Gray, labor on engine house	2 00	
M. F. Parker, fire ward and expenses	8 77	
E. L. Savery, for use of telephone	6 00	
Amount expended for 1916		$262 95
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies 1915	5 65	
Searsport Coal Co., coal, 1915	4 13	
Amount of 1915 bills paid		$ 9 78
Amount expended for 1916		262 95
Total amount paid		$272 73
Appropriation	$500 00	
Appropriation for coupling	15 00	
		515 00
Amount unexpended		$242 27

Report of Fire Warden

LIST OF FIRES

Mar.	8	1916	H. C. Buzzell, house, no damage.
Apr.	28	"	D. S. Goodell, house, partial loss.
Nov.	25	"	John Sweetser, house, partial loss.
Dec.	9	"	Arthur Nickerson, house, No. Searsport, total loss.

The Fire Department consists of two companies, Penobscot No. 1 and Phenias Pendleton No. 2, 15 men each. Hose Company No. 3 in the Park District is a volunteer company.

The fire apparatus is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. PARKER,
Fire Ward.

LIBRARY

Carver Memorial Library Assn.	$350 00	
James H. Duncan, treas.	30 00	
Amount expended by the town		$380 00
Appropriation	$350 00	
Sundry from State	30 00	
		$380 00

Searsport, Maine, February 3, 1917

To the Selectmen of the Town of Searsport:—

Gentlemen:—

Below is my report as Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association for the year ending February 3, 1917.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$131 89	
Town appropriation	350 00	
Annual fees	5 00	
State allowance for books	30 00	
Interest from invested funds	14 41	
Total receipts		$531 30

Expenditures

Penobscot Bay Electric Co., light	$ 29 10
Penobscot Bay Electric Co., supplies	90
Elsie H. Gilkey, assistant librarian	24 00

Mildred E. Shute, librarian	156 00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies	1 50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	31 36	
C. B. Deshon, janitor	120 00	
C. B. Deshon, extra work and wood	5 00	
Searsport Coal Co., coal	56 00	
Total expenditures		423 86
Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 3, 1917		$107 44

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN,
Treasurer.

UNION HALL

Penobscot Bay Elec. Co. lights	$42 20	
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., supplies	2 50	
Charles Cunningham, labor on grounds	2 00	
Charles Averill, labor on grounds	1 75	
Fred Treat, painting signs for hall	6 00	
B. F. Colcord, insurance on hall	63 00	
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber	7 38	
L. D. Littlefield, wood	1 00	
Searsport Coal Co., coal	8 25	
Ernest Gray, janitor for elections	8 00	
Amount expended for 1916		$142 08
Searsport Coal Co., coal 1915	$16 00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies 1915	3 54	
Amount of 1915 bills paid		$ 19 54
Amount expended for 1916		142 08
Total amount paid		$161 62
Appropriation—none		
Sundry receipts		149 25
Amount overdrawn		$12 37

USE OF HYDRANTS

Searsport Water Co.	$1,291 67	
Appropriation	1,280 00	
Amount overdrawn		$11 67

STREET LIGHTS

Penobscot Bay Elec. Co.	$688 25	
Appropriation	700 00	
Amount unexpended		$11 75

MEMORIAL SERVICE

George L. Merrill	$50 00	
Appropriation	50 00	

FIRE WHISTLE

Appropriation	$75 00	
No expenditures		
Amount unexpended		$75 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. NICHOLS,
CLIFTON WHITTUM,
HARRY E. BANGS,
Selectmen of Searsport.

Report of Road Commissioners

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

District No. 1

Arthur O. Colman	$72 60	
George E. Sylvester	29 80	
Thurston D. Blake	8 60	
H. S. Colman	56 16	
Vantelle York	11 00	
Wallace Kimball	4 00	
Rolfe Buck	7 00	
W. A. Smith	10 00	
M. H. Peaslee	8 40	
A. E. Trundy & Son	7 88	
J. N. Pendleton	11 80	
Percy Blake	3 00	
Almond M. Park	4 10	
B. A. Chase	1 00	
		$235 34

District No. 2

Lester C. Eaton	$55 00	
George E. Sylvester	16 00	
Chester E. Dow	62 40	
John Ladd	17 00	
C. M. Grant	8 40	
J. L. Cunningham	5 00	
		$163 80

District No. 3

W. S. Downs	$20 80	
Charles Cunningham	1 80	
J. L. Cunningham	2 25	
John Farquhar	4 40	
		$29 25

District No. 4

Charles Averill	$16 10	
Albert N. Card	5 20	
Charles Cunningham	1 30	
G. W. Larsson	5 00	
C. F. Hill	7 60	
		$35 20

District No. 5

E. A. Sargent	$44 47	
Irving Rich	4 00	
A. N. Card	4 00	
Fred Curtis	5 00	
L. D. Littlefield	14 00	
		$71 47

District No. 6

In Patrol Maintenance

District No. 7

John Innes	$37 50	
T. D. Clement	70	
R. E. Cottrell, gravel	1 80	
Mial Sargent, labor	16 40	
W. P. Sargent, "	4 40	
Charles Eames, "	12 60	
		$73 40

District No. 8

J. W. Brock, labor	$13 90	
Lewis M. Nickerson, "	10 40	
George Closson, "	15 50	
Harvey E. Brock, "	11 20	
Ned Roberts, "	6 00	
		$57 00

District No. 9

W. H. Ames,	labor	$18 00	
Clifford Seekins,	"	4 00	
Samuel Cunningham,	"	2 00	
Fred A. Small,	"	2 00	
W. Nickerson,	"	2 00	
C. M. Ward,	"	9 70	
E. J. Ames,	"	25 52	
Herbert Felker,	"	8 00	
A. Nickerson,	"	2 00	
			$73 22

District No. 10

Charles U. Curtis,	labor	$14 80	
H. N. Colcord,	"	5 80	
Myron Curtis,	"	7 80	
Frank Knowlton,	"	7 80	
Herbert Felker,	"	11 60	
			$47 80

District No. 11

Archie Merrithew,	labor	$ 5 00	
Percy Scribner,	"	4 80	
Ira Veazie,	"	3 51	
			$13 31

District No. 12, Composed of two former Districts

Clifford Seekins,	labor	$56 70	
Allie Curtis,	"	4 00	
M. H. Nickerson,	"	4 00	
G. A. Seekins,	"	4 00	
E. K. Blake,	"	12 00	
C. L. Kimball,	"	11 00	
Arthur Poppy,	"	1 00	
James Nickels,	"	4 00	
Herbert Felker,	"	4 00	
Charles Howard,	"	4 00	
			$104 70

District No. 13, Composed of two former Districts

James Nickels,	labor	$22 60	
E. K. Blake,	"	7 40	
A. A. Moody,	"	8 00	
S. C. Moody,	"	9 00	
Charles Lenfest,	"	8 00	
Clifford Seekins,	"	14 40	
H. E. Robbins & Son,	material	17 76	
Charles Clements,	labor	1 60	
E. E. Clements,	"	2 80	
Herbert Felker,	"	4 00	
William George,	"	4 30	
			$99 86

District No. 14

M. C. Ward,	labor	$36 65	
Henry Dodge,	"	6 00	
H. S. Harriman,	"	15 10	
Raymond Howard,	"	4 00	
Harold Stone,	"	8 00	
C. M. Trundy,	"	12 40	
James Marden,	"	16 60	
W. S. Carter,	"	17 00	
W. J. Matthews,	"	10 00	
George E. Chapin,	"	4 00	
F. E. Stinson,	material	54	
W. J. Matthews,	gravel	7 10	
			$137 39

District No. 15

Willis Baker,	labor	$31 00	
George Hustus,	"	1 00	
Charles Seekins, Jr.,	"	3 00	
Charles Robertson,	"	7 00	
Charles Seekins,	"	3 00	
Daniel Robertson,	"	5 00	
			$50 00

District No. 16

Eugene A. Nickerson,	labor	$56 00	
E. K. Blake,	"	4 00	
Frank Harding,	"	4 00	
Frank Wright,	"	2 00	
Charles Howard,	"	2 00	
J. M. Nickerson,	"	8 00	
B. H. Elkins,	"	17 50	
H. Whitten,	"	2 00	
W. J. Matthews, gravel		7 50	
			$103 00

District No. 17

George Seekins,	labor and gravel	$55 45	
Charles Howard,	"	9 00	
E. K. Blake,	"	7 00	
Elden G. Smart,	"	17 00	
Henry Harriman,	"	40	
Fred E. Stinson, material		1 05	
Clifford Seekins,	labor	16 00	
E. O. Bailey,	"	8 00	
J. W. Smart,	"	12 00	
E. E. Clements,	"	8 00	
Frank Wright,	"	1 20	
Allie Curtis,	"	6 00	
			$141 10

District No. 18

Hollis F. Curtis, labor		$33 24	
Sears G. Nickerson, labor		21 20	
			$54 44

District No. 19

Frank I. Mortland,	labor	$ 7 00	
R. I. Mortland,	"	32 00	
Forrest Closson,	"	17 60	

Raymond Carter,	labor	6 00	
Charles E. Cunningham,	"	21 00	
Clifford Seekins,	"	12 00	
Samuel Cunningham,	"	4 00	
Wilbert West,	"	3 00	
C. E. Averill,	"	88	
E. Brown,	"	2 00	
Augustus Nickerson,	"	4 00	
S. L. Ridley,	"	9 20	
Warren Nickerson,	"	4 00	
Frank Knowlton,	"	4 00	
C. F. Hill,	"	16 00	
C. G. Anderson,	"	2 00	
			144 68
Total expended by Dist. Road Commissioners			$1,634 96

PROSPECT STREET

L. D. Littlefield, foreman, labor and gravel		$183 60	
Arthur Sawyer,	labor	31 00	
Edward Clark,	"	20 25	
Frank M. Eastman,	"	27 00	
Charles F. Hill,	"	30 00	
Michael Ward,	"	36 00	
W. S. Downs,	"	56 00	
George B. Delano,	gravel	5 30	
H. R. Dyer,	"	7 00	
A. E. Trundy & Son,	"	7 60	
Berger Mfg. Co., iron culvert		33 59	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., cement		13 79	
Amount expended			$451 13

This road was rebuilt about 2475 feet, with three new culverts, one of iron and two of stone, surfaced with about four and one-half inches of gravel and we think it is in fine shape and will last a long time.

MAINTENANCE PATROL

Treas. State of Maine	$552 35	
Chas. F. Hill, plaining patrol road at request of State Highway Department	6 00	
L. D. Littlefield, highway department	20 00	
Amount expended		$578 35

John Hill, was appointed as Patrolman by the State Department.

HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS

J. B. Ames, labor on road machine	$12 80	
Clifton Whittum, labor on road machine	50	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material for road machine	72	
C. M. Conant Co., road machine blade	8 50	
J. B. Ames, repairs on road drag	1 60	
Timothy Porter, fixing culvert, appropriated by town	10 00	
David E. Nickerson, fixing his road	16 00	
C. M. Conant Co., road machine bolts	17	
C. M. Conant Co., road machine clamps	38	
C. M. Conant Co., road machine sills	10 00	
Eastern Steamship Co., freight on sills	50	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material for roads	3 74	
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber for railing for pit	2 50	
L. D. Littlefield, labor, building road to pit	18 75	
Michael Ward, labor, building road to pit	7 00	
Arthur Sawyer, labor, building road to pit	6 00	
L. D. Littlefield, polls for road	1 00	
John Ladd, labor on his road	6 00	
J. F. Eames, labor on bridge	4 90	
G. W. Larsson, plowing field used for road	5 00	
Chas. Averill, hauling culvert pipe	75	
Chas. Averill, freight on culvert pipe	25	
G. D. Loring, road books	1 80	
Amount expended for 1916		$118 86

Harvey Carr,	labor for 1915.....	$1 00	
Mark Ward,	" "	4 25	
William Towers,	" "	2 00	
Raymond Ward,	" "	2 00	
Geo. E. Sylvester,	" "	3 80	
Chas. Cunningham,	" "	50	
T. D. Clement,	" "	2 00	
J. N. Pendleton, gravel 1915.....		2 00	
James Marden, labor for 1915.....		2 80	
John Hill, labor for 1915.....		2 40	
J. F. Eames, labor on town machinery for 1915.....		3 50	
			26 35
Amount paid for 1915 and 1916..			$145 11
Amount expended.....			$2,809 55
Appropriations.....		$2,660 00	
Sundry receipts.....		44 62	
			2,704 62
Amount overdrawn.....			$104 93

SUMMARY OF ROAD BILLS PAID FROM HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE APPROPRIATIONS

Repairs on general roads.....	$1,473 76	
Permanent roads, Prospect St., Smart Hill and Bar road.....	612 33	
Road machine, incidentals, etc.....	118 86	
Amount expended for 1916 on town roads.....		$2,204 95
Bills of 1915 on roads paid.....		26 25
Maintenance patrol.....		578 35
Amount expended.....		$2,809 55

Dist. No. 1. The main road in this Dist. was in very bad condition in the spring and it was expensive in keeping it in shape for the auto travel until the State started on its road. About $75. was expended to cut away Bar Hill.

Dist. No. 2. As this was a detour of the auto travel while the State was building the State road, it was expensive in keeping it up.

Dist. No. 17. There was built a permanent strip in this Dist. of about 200 feet on the Smart Hill, bushes cut and made ready for more permanent road to the Chase Place. The hill is in very good shape.

STATE AID ROAD

Clifton Whittum, labor	$ 1 00
Penobscot Coal & Wharf Co., coal	28 00
Chas. Averill, carting	39 29
Consumers Fuel Co., coal	4 20
Berger Mfg. Co., culvert, not used	33 59
Elmer Webster, labor	43 00
Maine Cen. R. R. Co., freight	2 20
Searsport Grain & Groc. Co., bbls.	4 00
C. E. Ulmer, blasting ledge	525 14
E. Brown, labor	16 00
R. I. Mortland, labor	88 65
F. I. Mortland, foreman, labor	52 50
Sears Nickerson, labor	6 00
Chas. E. Cunningham, "	34 00
Geo. H. Buck, "	54 00
A. W. Nickerson, "	40 00
Cliff Seekins, "	81 00
Chas. F. Hill, "	24 75
Mark Porter, "	30 00
H. J. Carr, "	37 40
G. W. Larsson "	13 50
W. S. Downs, "	93 50
C. M. Ward, "	4 00
E. L. Savery, "	4 50

E. A. Sargent, trucking	50	
L. P. Closson, labor	5 40	
H. R. Dyer, gravel	20 00	
C. M. Ward, gravel	2 40	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies	5 58	
Amount expended		$1,294 10
Appropriation	$600 00	
From State Dept.	561 22	
		1,161 22
Amount overdrawn		$132 88
Culvert not used		$33 59

SNOW

Auspland, Jacob	$ 2 00
Averill, Charles	20 50
Averill, John	2 40
Ames, W. H.	5 20
Ames, E. J.	8 70
Brock, J. W.	6 00
Baker, Willis	11 10
Blake, E. K.	4 10
Black, Herbert	11 80
Buck, George H.	4 40
Buck, Silas	2 25
Carter, W. S.	6 70
Curtis, Hollis	3 30
Curtis, Charles	9 00
Curtis, Fred	4 40
Curtis, Myron	3 60
Closson, Lewis	6 10
Closson, Forrest	2 00
Clements, Edw. E.	1 40
Clements, Charles	1 00

Carr, A. N.	8 30
Chase, B. A.	3 00
Carter, George	1 20
Colcord, H. N.	2 40
Card, S. J.	2 00
Chapin, George	80
Coffin, Harold	2 00
Card, A. J.	11 90
Coleman, Harry	4 30
Coleman, Arthur	6 00
Cunningham, Charles	7 80
Downs, W. S.	12 40
Dodge, H. A.	1 70
Dickey, L. H.	6 03
Engstom, Elmer	50
Eames, Charles	2 80
Elkins, B. H.	12 70
Felker, Herbert	1 20
George, William	3 20
Howard, Charles	4 00
Howe, T. R.	1 00
Hustus, George	7 80
Harriman, Henry	2 70
Hill, C. F.	4 00
Irving, D. L.	1 40
Innes, John	8 60
Innes, George	1 40
Jackson, Clifton	1 60
Kimball, C. L.	1 60
Kimball, Wallace	1 60
Knowlton, Frank	1 80
Littlefield, John H.	11 00
Littlefield, Leroy D.	4 00
Lenfest, C. E.	2 00
Mortland, F. I.	6 00
Marden, James E.	5 80
Merrithew, Archie	28 20
Nickels, James	10 40
Nickerson, Augustus	1 00

Nickerson, Lewis	3 80
Nickerson, David E.	9 40
Nickerson, A.	80
Nickerson, Sears	6 00
Nickerson, Charles A.	2 60
Nickerson, Eugene	25 30
Nickerson, M.	1 00
Nickerson, W. J.	80
Partridge, George	6 00
Poppy, Arthur	60
Richards, H. P.	4 00
Robbins, Herbert	3 10
Robertson, Charles	12 40
Rich, Thomas	14 60
Rich, W. P.	80
Robertson, D. I.	4 80
Robertson, Ernest	7 60
Rich, Irving	1 80
Roberts, Wellington	5 80
Roberts, Ned	1 80
Smart, Elden	6 50
Sargent, E. A.	32 43
Sargent, W. P.	1 80
Sargent, Mial	1 50
Seekins, George	22 70
Seekins, Clifford	23 60
Seekins, John	6 00
Seekins, Charles, Jr.	3 10
Smith, W. A.	3 80
Smith, H. A.	2 40
Savery, E. L.	4 00
Sweetser, Jerry	6 60
Seekins, Charles	7 70
Stone, Harold	2 40
Stevens, G. H.	4 00
Stinson, A.	2 20
Stinson, F. E.	1 00
Scribner, Percy	5 00
Towers, Miles	10 47

Trundy, Chester M.	1 20	
Ward, Mark C.	11 30	
Ward, Clifton	1 00	
West, Wilson N.	80	
Wallace, Isaac	1 60	
Veazie, Ira	5 50	
Wynne, W. P.	3 30	
Amount expended		$596 88
Appropriation		150 00
Amount overdrawn		$446 88

GENERAL SIDEWALKS

Charles E. Averill,	labor	$26 25
A. N. Carr,	"	1 60
Willington Roberts,	"	30
A. J. Card,	"	20 55
Carl G. Carlson,	"	11 00
Charles B. Downs,	"	6 00
John Carlson,	"	11 00
F. E. Swift,	"	2 60
W. N. West,	"	4 20
Elsworth Howard,	"	80
Wilbert West,	"	40
S. P. Buck,	"	2 00
Elmer Webster,	"	1 00
John Kelley,	"	10 00
A. E. Trundy & Son,	material	5 72
E. A. Sargent,	labor	16 60
Chas. F. Hill,	"	24 75
W. S. Downs,	"	58 70
C. O. Sawyer & Co.,	material	37 40
S. H. Mosman,	gravel	50
Clifton Whittum,	labor	1 10
John Murphy,	gravel	50

Chas. Hamilton,	labor	2 00	
W. P. Rich,	"	3 80	
L. W. Rich,	"	1 80	
Charles Cunningham,	"	17 80	
			$268 37

We built about 1700 feet of gravel walk in the Nichols Dist., took what plank that was of any use to repair plank walk. This gravel walk is in very good shape. There is a small bill for gravel we were not able to get in.

CEMENT WALKS

S. J. Card, foreman,	labor	$40 50	
Chas. F. Hill,	"	60 75	
John Kelley,	"	35 00	
J. M. C. Gardner,	"	24 00	
Chester Overlock,	"	-2 00	
McLaughlin's express		50	
Cecil Card,	labor	50	
Herbert Felker,	"	18 00	
Clifton Ward,	"	25 00	
A. E. Trundy & Son, lumber for forms		24 95	
H. R. Dyer, gravel		14 50	
Florence Cleaves, board for J. Gardner		6 00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., cement and material		99 51	
Searsport Grain & Groc. Co., grass seed		1 75	
			352 96
Amount expended			$621 33
Appropriation		$600 00	
Amount received from cement walk		14 60	
			614 60
Amount overdrawn			$ 6 73
Total highway, bridge and sidewalks			$5,321 86

The length built this year of cement walk was 715 feet, width 45 inches, making 2679 sq. feet costing 12¾c. sq. ft. or $1.15 sq. yard.

The above includes the forms and mixing pens which can be used a great many times.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. NICHOLS,
CLIFTON WHITTUM,
HARRY E. BANGS,
} Road Commissioners of Searsport.

Report of Treasurer

Rec'd of	Wm. D. Smart, Coll., taxes of 1914	$ 110 36
"	" " taxes of 1915	253 14
"	" " taxes of 1916	19,393 27
"	State Treasurer, support of paupers	21 35
"	" Public Library	30 00
"	" dog licenses refunded	33 96
"	" school and mill fund	1,129 94
"	" common school fund	1,300 93
"	" railroad and tel. tax	144 93
"	" improvement of State road	561 22
"	" State pensions, 1916	444 00
"	" Free High School	500 00
"	W. B. Woodbury, sale of bookkeeping books	9 88
"	W. B. Woodbury, common school tuition	4 50
"	Town of Stockton Springs, tuition	11 67
"	Town of Prospect, tuition	9 13
"	Elmer Webster, weir license	5 00
"	J. B. McIntyer, weir license	5 00
"	J. R. Davis, 3 weir licenses	15 00
"	W. M. Parse, town clerk, dog licenses, 1916	93 00
"	E. A. Sargent for gravel	1 50
"	James P. Nichols for material sold	42 32
"	John Davis, proportion of cement walk	4 35
"	A. M. Ross, proportion of cement walk	3 80
"	A. E. Brown, proportion of cement walk	3 80
"	Searsport Savings Bank, proportion of cement walk	2 65
"	Harbor C. E. Society for wood	3 00
"	L. D. Littlefield, cement bags, Prospect St.	80
"	M. F. Parker, pool-room license	10 00
"	Searsport Nat'l Bank, interest on deposits	38 19
"	rent of Union Hall	149 25
"	Searsport Nat'l Bank, cash on accepted orders	597 77
		$24,933 71

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Searsport Nat'l Bank, amt. of note	$ 365 55
town orders of 1916	18,210 68
State pensions of 1916	444 00
State Treasurer, State tax, 1916	4,295 75
State Treasurer, dog licenses, 1916	93 00
County Treasurer, county tax, 1916	1,519 46
Cash in treasury, Feb. 3, 1917	5 27
	$24,933 71

CEMETERY AND TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery and other Trust Funds as per list in town report of March 1, 1916	$9,304 62

NEW CEMETERY FUNDS ADDED IN 1916

Josiah Colson, Savings Dept.,	Searsport Nat'l Bank	$100 00
John Frank Peterson,	Searsport Savings Bank	150 00
Fred N. Park,	" "	50 00
L. M. & J. L. Sargent,	" "	100 00
Elisha Dunbar,	" "	75 00
Andrew Lorimer,	" "	50 00
Wm. W. Clifford,	" "	55 00
Prudence N. Park,	" "	75 00
Chas. C. McClure,	" "	100 00
Samuel Park,	" "	10 00
Master J. C. Dutch,	" "	50 00
Nicholas Parse,	" "	75 00
		$10,194 62

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. SAWYER,
Treasurer.

Report of Auditor

I have examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

B. F. COLCORD,
Auditor of Town Accounts.

Report of Tax Collector

Unpaid taxes of 1914, on Feb. 1916	$ 132 21	
Unpaid taxes of 1915, Feb. 1916	347 47	
Amount committed April 29, 1916	19,697 85	
Supplementary tax	110 68	
Interest collected	22 60	
Moth tax	2 90	
Total commitments		$20,313 71
Collected and paid to Treasurer		19,756 77
Total amount uncollected taxes, Feb. 6, 1917		$556 94

DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS

Uncollected of 1914 taxes	$ 21 85	
Uncollected of 1915 taxes	94 33	
Uncollected of 1916 taxes	440 76	
Total uncollected taxes		$556 94

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SMART, Collector.

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES OF 1914

Jacob Ausplund	$1 10	
Louisa Crosby heirs	2 75	
Cliff Ellis	3 00	
H. P. Farnham	3 00	
Percy Harriman	3 00	
C. L. Keene	3 00	
Leon Merithew	3 00	
James Pottle	3 00	
Total of 1914 taxes uncollected		$21 85

1915

Lewis Nickerson	$ 2 31	
Olive Reed	5 11	
Gilbert York	3 00	
Jacob Ausplund	2 45	
H. P. Carver	51 00	
Otis Colson	3 00	
Lucinda Dwelley heirs	2 02	
Fred Field	2 82	
R. B. Lowe	3 00	
Augustus Nickerson	10 07	
Harry Peavey	3 00	
Charles Sambrook	2 00	
M. A. Braley	1 01	
Frank Bell	1 01	
Louisa Crosby heirs	2 53	
Total amt. of 1915 taxes uncollected		$94 33

1916

Jacob Ausplund	$ 6 64
Herbert Black	176 06
Robert Brown	3 00
J. F. Coffin	10 28
Lincoln A. Colcord heirs	20 80
Lincoln R. Colcord	3 52

Fred Curtis	5 08	
Fred Fields	6 24	
William George	5 60	
Horace Clark	3 00	
Delia George	15 50	
James Hawley	11 52	
Raymond Howard	6 20	
Richard Gifford	3 00	
Patrick Gill	3 00	
Carl Howard	4 24	
Nathan Keene	3 52	
Horace Maddocks heirs	5 20	
Harold Moulton	3 00	
Asher Moody	6 24	
Anna Nickerson	4 68	
Harry Perry	5 08	
Mark Porter	3 00	
Perez Rich heirs	4 24	
Lewis Rich	2 56	
Olive Reed	2 60	
C. E. Robertson	2 12	
E. L. Savery	9 78	
E. L. and Mary Savery	23 92	
C. O. Seekins	3 86	
Charles Sambrook	3 00	
Ida Sweetser	12 48	
Raymond Ward	5 08	
Elenora Waterhouse	10 40	
B. F. Young	4 04	
Norris Webster	3 00	
Alphonso Wagner	3 00	
M. A. Braley	1 04	
Frank Bell	1 04	
H. C. Buzzell	24 96	
Louisa Crosby heirs	2 60	
F. A. Nye	6 64	
Uncollected taxes 1916		440 76
Total uncollected taxes		$556 94

Superintendent of Schools' Report

MEMBERS OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James H. Duncan, Chairman,	Term expires March 1919
W. D. Smart,	Term expires March 1917
A. S. Trundy,	Term expires March 1918

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring term (1916) opened April 3 and closed June 16.
Fall term opened Sept. 11 and closed Dec. 15.
Winter term opened Jan. 1, 1917, will close March 16
Spring term (1917) will open April 2 and close June 15.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE

	Winter 1916			Spring 1916			Fall 1916		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
High School	11	11	22	9	11	20	11	14	25
Union Grammar	12	22	34	15	21	36	14	21	35
Union Intermediate	14	18	32	14	18	32	20	18	38
Union Primary	18	13	31	20	18	38	22	21	43
Nichols	9	7	16	10	9	19	13	9	22
Park	9	8	17	9	7	16	7	11	18
Porter	8	9	17	9	9	18	7	11	18
Mt. Ephraim	9	6	15	8	8	16	10	6	16
No. Searsport	6	12	18	6	11	17	5	9	14

STATISTICS OF TEACHERS

Name	Position	Permanent Address	Number Years Experience	Number Terms in Present Position	Certificate C Permit P
D. C. Hight	Prin. High School	Athens, Me.	—	2	C
Lillian Runnells	Assist. H. S.	Searsport, Me.	21	5	C
Alice Havener	Grammar	Searsport, Me.	11	8	C
Ethel Lloyd	Intermediate	Searsport, Me.	5	5	C
Florence Keene	Primary	Belfast, Me.	3	5	C
Thelma Dunifer	Nichols	Winn, Me.	2	2	C
Lillias Buck	Park	Park, Me.	7	23	C
Annie Nickerson	Porter	Swanville, Me.	—	1	P
Nellie Marden	Mt. Ephraim	No. Searsport, Me.	2	5	C
Emma Nickels	No. Searsport	Searsport, Me.	16	2	C

April 1, 1916 there were 149 boys and 180 girls of school age: 5-21.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 3, 1917

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,800 00	
State mill tax	1,129 94	
State common school	1,300 93	
Balance of 1916	171 64	
Tuition	4 50	
		$4,407 01

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	$2,889 00	
Janitors' salaries	315 00	
Fuel	364 22	
Conveyance	761 30	
Tuition	43 00	
		4,372 52
Balance		$34 49

HIGH SCHOOL

Receipts

Appropriation	$850 00	
Balance of 1916	9 65	
State	500 00	
Sale of bookkeeping forms	9 88	
		$1,369 53

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	$1,329 99	
Janitors' salaries	38 50	
		1,368 49
Balance		$1 04

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriated	$400 00	
Expended	399 50	
Balance		$ 50

REPAIRS

Appropriated	$450 00	
Expended	452 68	
Overdraft		$2 68

ESTIMATES OF BOARD FOR COMING YEAR

General school purposes	$2,000 00
High School	850 00
Text-books	300 00
Supplies and incidentals	150 00
Repairs	400 00
Superintendent	200 00

Members of the Superintending School Committee of Searsport:

I have the honor herewith to submit the report on schools for the year ending Feb. 1917. Teachers are the main thing in any school system. We now have experienced teachers in all the schools but one and the teacher of this exception has had some special training for her work. They have done uniformly good work and it is recommended that they be retained as long as we can keep them.

Miss Emma Nickels returned this fall to our force, after the completion of her course at the Castine Normal School, succeeding Mr. Leon Blake, resigned, at the North Searsport School. Miss Winnifred Doyle was obliged to leave the Nichols School because of poor health. She did unusually good work while with us and we were sorry to have her go. Miss Thelma Dunifer, of Winn, Me., was elected for this school and has given capable service. The only other change in the elementary school teachers was at the Porter School. Miss Marion Walker left at the close of the fall term to finish her course at Farmington Normal and Miss Annie Nickerson, of Swanville, one of our own high school girls, has begun the winter term.

The Union Primary School has been crowded; new seats had to be put in the rear of the room, where there should not be desks because of nearness to stove or door. Only unusual skill on the part of the teacher has made possible the advance of the little ones. It is recommended that no new pupils be received in this room during the rest of this school year unless they have had sufficient previous schooling to join classes already formed.

Each school house was inspected during the summer vacation and the appropriation for repairs divided where the need seemed the greatest. The Porter and Mt. Ephraim Schools have been much improved, and outside paint and repaired gutters will help preserve the walls of the Union School. Another year the interior of this school will need some attention, the underpinning of one or two of the schools should be put in order, and a shed built for wood and coal at the Nichols School.

Prin. J. A. Linehan resigned from the High School last August in order to accept a position in a large secondary school in Rhode Island. We were glad for him but regretted the loss to Searsport. In the election of his successor, however, we were fortunate. Mr. D. C.

Hight, of Athens, Me., a graduate of Bowdoin College, is well equipped for his work and has been giving general satisfaction.

In the desire to make the work of the High School of more practical value, ancient history has been replaced by a course in civics, with special attention to local government; commercial arithmetic, with special stress on business problems, has replaced French; the course in bookkeeping has been retained and physical geography has given space to agriculture.

Last spring the boys were much interested in milk testing and during the summer some of them raised potatoes that brought prizes in the University of Maine potato-growing contest.

Statistics, carefully worked out, show that, with only a common-school education a boy has but one chance in 9000 to rise to sufficient prominence to get his name on the roll of Who's Who in America, while the high school boy has one chance in 450. The possibilities in neither case need worry us, but the high school boy has twenty times the chance of the other. A study of Massachusetts boys shows that those who left school at 14 years of age averaged $4 per week for their first year and $12.75 per week 25 years later. Those who left school at 18 averaged $10 per week their first year and $31 per week after 25 years. In view of such facts as these, it is recommended that we do our best to give Searsport children an education, with the emphasis on practical lines, that will give them as fair a chance for success in life as have their fellows, and future competitors, in other places.

In the grades a business method of penmanship has been pushed this year. The incentives offered have stimulated effort and the pupils have been working on the principle that "practice makes perfect." The use of Thompson's Minimum Essentials in driving home and fixing the fundamentals of arithmetic and geography has been helpful in the aim for thoroughness.

During the short days of the year the light in each room of the Union School is very poor on cloudy days and towards the close of the session, sometimes, indeed, it is impossible to read print without such eye strain as cannot fail to do permanent injury. The children have expressed a willingness to work for funds and an appropriation of $75 by the town, with what the pupils, themselves, would do, would install a lighting system that would remedy this evil. The cost of maintenance would be little, as the meter could

be taken out during the spring and early fall; also, the pupils could easily take care of this charge. Citizens are invited to visit the schools at all times, but, with this need in mind, they are given a special invitation to call at the Union School on the next cloudy day.

During the year the pupils of the high and grammar schools started plans to purchase a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, a reference work much needed. Their efforts were made easy by the generosity of Mr. John Carlson, who presented the schools with his personal set; a gift for which thanks are due Mr. Carlson. The support of such friends of the schools is the best asset we can have.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. WOODBURY.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Wm. B. Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools:

In this report, which is intended to show the parents and citizens of Searsport the conditions which are existent in their High School, it seems necessary to mention but few items to separate this from other reports of its sort, which have gone before.

Aside from the facts, that this year sees installed in the school a practical course of study, and that it has been the constant aim and the accomplishment thus far, of the teachers, to maintain a standard of work commensurate with the State requirements of schools of its grade, there is little new in the curriculum line to note.

As for the working conditions in the school itself there seems to be ample opportunity for improvement. There are, however, two outstanding features. The first relates to the light in the building, which is very unsatisfactory. Electric lights are seriously needed. The second has to do with the proper shelving of the books. The two small cases in the room are at the present time filled to overflowing, not to mention some 150 books that are in the hands of the students. When these books are turned in they must be piled on the floor and exposed to the dust and mistreatment of whoever cleans the building. A book case of sufficient size to remedy this evil and to care for the ever increasing supply of printed matter, could be built for a small cost; and the benefits derived would certainly be sufficient to warrant it.

There has however, this year been instituted a *Literary Society* with the two-fold object of familiarizing the students with the lives and achievements of the great masters of our language; and also of providing for each individual numerous opportunities to appear before the public. The meetings of this society are open to everyone and are held fortnightly. At each meeting one author is studied. Quotations from his work are given in answer to the roll call, and different

phases of his accomplishments taken up, in articles written and read by the students. This, supplemented with apt recitations and with music, (if possible of the author's own production) accomplishes pleasantly and satisfactorily the ends for which the society was established.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HIGHT, Principal.

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